

INQUEST INTO JACOBS TRAGEDY REOPENED

JURORS AND OFFICERS DELVE
FOR FACTS.

H. G. Eleazer Tells of Disordered
Mental Condition of the Head of
Unfortunate Family.

Peak, July 15.—Fourteen citizens of Lexington county and a half dozen officers spent six hours today in attempting to determine the cause of the tragedy which wiped out the family of John D. Jacobs and left the bodies of six persons to be found in the ruins of their home, four miles from this place, on the morning of June 28. The inquest held the day of the discovery of the tragedy, which resulted in a verdict confessing the inability of the jury to fix the blame for the deed, was reopened at the Jacobs' plantation today, and notwithstanding the hours from 12 o'clock to 6:30 were occupied with few intermissions in the taking of testimony, the work was not completed, and the jury will reassemble at 9:30 o'clock this morning to hear further testimony and again attempt to return a verdict throwing light on the affair.

Although 13 witnesses took the stand today and were thoroughly questioned, the testimony brought out little additional facts. The majority of the witnesses had been examined at the previous inquiry and today could only add a few statements overlooked in the excitement of the first inquest. Of the new witnesses, few were able to shed additional light on the subject of inquiry. Dr. H. G. Eleazer told of his treatment of the late John D. Jacobs for nervous condition and of the mental condition that made him speak of taking his life. Dr. Eleazer's testimony, while given in more detail, was practically the same statement contained in an interview published in The State July 1.

W. H. Brown, the veterinary surgeon who passed near the burning home and saw the flames, testified for the first time, and others were placed on the stand who did not appear at the first inquest.

Officers Are Present.

The inquest was begun today with 13 of the original 14 jurors present, and with the summoning of an additional jurymen the panel was completed. Magistrate J. H. Frick of Chapin conducted the inquiry and George Bell Timmerman, solicitor of the eleventh judicial circuit, and Sim J. Miller, sheriff of Lexington county, were present for the State, Jack M. Powers, a well known detective, who has been conducting an investigation of the case, was on hand and assisted the other officers. W. M. Wilson of Peak acted as foreman of the jury.

About 4 o'clock on the morning of June 28 the home of John D. Jacobs, about four miles from Peak, was discovered in flames. The first arrivals found the house partially destroyed and falling in, and those on the scene only a little later found nothing but the ruins where a substantial home had stood. The coming of daylight and the ensuing search showed the bodies of the six occupants in the ashes.

Wade Boyd, a negro, and Sarah Boyd, his wife, were the first witnesses at the inquest today. They lived about 200 yards from the Jacobs' home and were awakened by the roaring of the flames. Their testimony was practically that of the first inquest.

Albert Hawkins Harry Eargle and J. C. Counts were early arrivals at the scene. They could add little to what had already been said.

Mr. Counts was questioned as to Mr. Jacobs' mental condition. The witness had seen and talked with him as Jacobs plowed in his field about sunset on the evening before the tragedy. He saw nothing wrong with him mentally. Mr. Counts had known Mr. Jacobs for 20 years and had never heard him say anything about wanting to take the life of himself and family, but Jacobs did say when he had the "spells" of the head or indigestion he felt like he would be willing to lie down and die, but when these "spells" passed off he would not die for anything, the witness testified. He made no complaint on the afternoon of the last conversation.

Dr. J. C. Halfacre told of seeing the bodies. He made no examination. He has not been a practicing physician for 22 years.

Dr. J. W. Eargle examined the bodies and told of the difficulty in identifying bodies when they had been burned as severely as these. He had known Mr. Jacobs since he was a child, but he had never observed evidences of suicidal mania and Jacobs had not told him that he was disappointed with life.

Dr. Eleazer Testifies.

Dr. H. G. Eleazer's testimony was

the most extended of the day. He told of the examination of the bodies and the position in which they were found. The witness had known Jacobs for the last 25 years and had seen him frequently.

"Up to two or three years ago," said Dr. Eleazer, "he suffered from nervous indigestion. I treated him a good while for this trouble. Two or three years ago he called on me at my office at Peak and said: 'I've got something I want to tell you, but no, I reckon I'd better not. I am afraid you will tell it. My head has been giving me a lot of trouble all along with this indigestion. When my ear runs my head don't give me as much trouble so I feel this trouble in my head all the time. I'm afraid to tell you but there's something awful the matter with me that you doctors don't understand.'"

"He went on for some time to me and finally said, 'You know the affliction of my sister. I believe I am going to get in the same fix. There is no pleasure to live in this fix.'"

The physician testified that he had several consultations with Jacobs, nearly every time he came to Peak. Dr. Eleazer said that about a year and a half ago Jacobs asked him if it would be any harm for the doctor to give something that would "take him off without pain," adding, "But then how would my family live without me?"

The next time he said anything along this line, the testimony continued, was some time later when he said strychnine did more good and asked for more. "He asked me to give him enough strychnine to do him good," said the doctor, "and I got it for him. He asked me how much it would take to kill a man, and I said 'Let me see that box to see if I haven't made a mistake.' He handed it to me and I told him he had been taking strychnine long enough and I had something new I thought would be better for him to take and he handed me the box. I did not return it. In one of his conversations he asked me what kind of a death strychnine would produce."

Mrs. Jacobs once telephoned to the witness and asked him to come to the house. When he did so she said she was in trouble, that when "Johnnie" went out of her sight she was afraid something would happen and that she would have to send the neighbors off to hunt him and find him dead. She said, "He acts so strange and excited when his ear don't run."

Dr. Eleazer said Mrs. Jacobs told him that her husband said he didn't mind dying but he hated to leave his family. The witness said that Mr. Jacobs suffered from a disordered brain and when the discharge from his ear ceased the mental trouble was most excited.

Dr. Eleazer said that he passed within about half a mile of the Jacobs home about 3:30 on the morning it burned. He received a call shortly before 3 o'clock. He passed on the road from Springhill to Peak but did not see the fire.

Seemed Well Mentally.
W. H. Brown, a veterinary surgeon, testified that he was on the road from Columbia to Newberry and at 3:45 by his watch saw a light on the right of the road in which he was driving. It looked like a small light at first, but as he drove up it became larger. He met two negroes in a buggy driving toward Columbia. This was before he saw the light.

Daniel Hedgepath, who lives near the Jacobs home, was probably the last living person to see John D. Jacobs. Jacobs called to him from his home about dusk to tell his father to come the next day to help with the cow. Jacobs seemed as usual.

Mrs. E. F. Counts, the mother of Mrs. Jacobs, saw Mr. Jacobs frequently. He seemed cheerful and she observed no evidence of melancholy. She saw no indication of his being dissatisfied with life or of anything wrong with his mind. She had never heard her daughter express a fear that her husband would take his life. Jacobs was kind to his family and it was a happy family.

John S. Counts, brother of the late Mrs. Jacobs, reached the house, about 7 o'clock and observed the bodies. He saw his brother-in-law about once in two months. He had observed nothing wrong with his mind. Some 12 days before his death Jacobs had invited him to come down and hunt squirrels.

George Mayer and John Bird, two negroes, testified that they went to the burned home and spent some time there.

Dog Days.

Dog days, so called, began Thursday, July 3. Also the annual query: Why "dog" days?

The name goes back to a mistaken notion of the Romans. The great heat of the month that Mark Anthony decreed should be called July in honor

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or of Julius Ceasar started a superstition that accompanying discomfort, disease and disasters were somehow connected with the fact that the star Canicula ("Little Dog") between certain dates at that season rose and set with the sun. The Romans accordingly gave the name dog days to the period between July 3, and August 11, and abused them cordially in speech and writing.

That the dog star had nothing to do with the case is proved by the fact that with the subsequent changes in the heavenly procession the star does not in our time rise in coincidence with the sun until the end of August, while the weather from July 3 to August 11 is pretty much what it always has been.

But, like the Latin months, "dog days" and the disagreeable qualities attached to them clung and got a good deal mixed up in later times with our notions of the effect of heat upon house dogs. For generations, soon after July 1, magistrates of towns used to order all dogs to be muzzled and the poets announced. The dogged dog days had begun to bite.

Death of Family Is Unexplained.

Peak, July 16.—With the dismissal of the 14 members of the coroner's jury subject to call the second hearing of the inquest to ascertain what circumstance or hand caused the death of John D. Jacobs and his family ended today without establishing a cause. The verdict of the second hearing is that of the first. The verdict says: "During the night of June 27 the said deceased persons came to their death at the hands of a party or parties unknown to this jury." The jury spent some 20 minutes in deliberation before returning the verdict.

This inquiry, occupying two days, has brought little new testimony into the case. The officers of the law have been active and some half dozen men have occupied themselves almost constantly in an effort to find some clue on which an investigation could be conducted but nothing has been found that will lead to the placing of a charge against any man.

Four witnesses were examined today. The inquiry was resumed at noon when R. Stoudemire took the stand. The witness knew the late John D. Jacobs and had many business transactions with him. Upon several of these occasions Jacobs acted very strangely. O. T. Meetze and Mrs. J. O. Stoudemire testified but added little to the mass of testimony already taken. The same proved true of the testimony of Mrs. Murray Chapman. At the conclusion of Mrs. Chapman's testimony the case was given to the jury.

What, if any, will be the next step in the investigation is not known. Magistrate Frick dismissed the jury subject to call and this may indicate a possible further inquiry later.

The will of the late John D. Jacobs will doubtless be taken up shortly. This is a legal document made out in proper form and leaves all his personal property to his wife.

Worry, whatever may be its source, weakens, takes away courage and shortens life.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers' Bank, Silverstreet, S. C., will be held in the president's office July 28, 1913, at eleven o'clock for the election of directors for the ensuing year and for the transacting of other business. All stockholders are requested to attend.

W. A. Asbill,
Cashier.

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S. A. L. SHOPS.

Abbeville Medium Says They Cannot be Moved Before 1923.

Greenwood Journal.

Every once and a while the rumor gets in circulation that the Seaboard Air Line Railway company is thinking of moving its shops to Greenwood. It is not believed there is any foundation for this rumor and it is just as often denied but it is heard every now and then. The contract between the city and the railroad company has been examined and it specifies that the "railroad company will keep, operate and maintain the shops here for thirty years." The contract was signed in May 1893 so the shops cannot be moved under ten years and there is no certainty they will be moved even then. The contract also specifies that in case the shops are burned or otherwise damaged the railroad company is to re-build or repair them and maintain them for thirty years.

BULL IS FAMILY "HORSE."

Seven-Year-Old Guernsey Fine Driving Animal and Favorite With Children.

Waukesha, Wis., Dispatch to New York World.

A 7-year-old Guernsey bull is the most unusual animal on the Fox brothers' farm of the town of Pewaukee. For four years the bull has acted in the capacity of a driving horse, and is especially popular with the children.

It is a common sight to see the animal trotting through the streets of Waukesha drawing a cart and guided by reins in the hands of a child. It is gentle, and will stand untied while the driver goes shopping. It, with two other bulls, has won many prizes at the different fairs throughout the country.

At the International Dairy show in Milwaukee two years ago the bulls led the parade, and attracted much attention.

A Mere Piker.

The famous aviator who had fallen 500 feet from his aeroplane, had been fitted out with a halo and a robe and was roaming around the golden streets bragging about his achievements. At length he was accosted by a venerable sage, who said:

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—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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Yours very truly,

J. A. Counts,
Clerk and Treasurer.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

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July 1, 1913.

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Notice is hereby given that I, Robert Y. Kibler, as administrator of the estate of Theodore N. Kibler, will make final settlement of the estate of in the probate court, for Newberry county, at 11 o'clock a. m., on Thursday, July 24, 1913, and immediately thereafter apply for letters dismisy as such administrator.

Robert Y. Kibler,
Administrator.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that I will, as guardian of Nancy Lou Spence, make final settlement of said estate the said Nancy Lou Spence, in the probate court for Newberry county, at 11 o'clock a. m., on Monday, July 21, and immediately thereafter apply for letter dismisy as such guardian.

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R. T. C. Hunter,
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